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November 5, 2019

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Legal Department

c/o Corporation Service Company

251 Little Falls Dr.

Wilmington, DE 19808

President/CEO

FMS International LLC

601 N. Mechanic Street, Ste, 404

Franklin, VA 23851

AND THE PUBLIC PROSECUTORS LISTED ON THE DISTRIBUTION LIST ACCOMPANYING THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Re: Notice of Violation of California Health & Safety Code §25249.5, et seq.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Tu Frim, APLC ("Tu Firm") represents Ngoc Bich Vo ("Vo"), a citizen of the State of California acting in the interest of the general public to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals in products sold in California and to improve human health by reducing hazardous substances contained in such items.

With respect to the product identified below, Ngoc Bich Vo has identified a violation of California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 ("Proposition 65"), which is codified at Cal. Health & Safety Code §25249.5, et seq. This violation has occurred and continues to occur because the alleged Violator(s) identified below failed to provide required clear and reasonable warnings with this product. Section 25249.6 of the statute provides that "[n]o person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first providing a clear and reasonable warning to such individual ..." Without proper warnings regarding the toxic effects of exposures to this listed chemical that results from contact with this product, California citizens lack the information necessary to make an informed decision on whether and/or how to eliminate (or reduce) their risk of exposure to the listed chemical from the reasonably foreseeable use of the product.

Please allow this letter to serve as notice of this violation to the alleged Violators and the appropriate public enforcement agencies. Pursuant to Section 25249.7(d) of the statute, Tu Firm intends to file a private enforcement action on behalf of Ngoc Bich Vo sixty (60) days after effective service of this notice unless the public enforcement agencies' have commenced and are earnestly prosecuting an action to redress these violations.

^{&#}x27;The public enforcement agencies that have been served with copies of this notice of violations are identified in the attached distribution list accompanying the Certificate of Service.

Alleged Violator(s):
Violators") are:

The name of the company's covered by this notice that Violated Proposition 65 (hereinafter "the

Amazon.com, Inc. FMS International LLC

Product Category/Type: The specific type of product causing this violation is:

Product'	Retailer(s)	Manufacturer(s)/Distributor(s)
Survival and Cross Jump Rope		
	Amazon.com Inc.	
ASIN: B00LGXE5NS		FMS International LLC
Item# Speed Jump Rope		
Amazon Order #: 112-4116178-7456233		
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<u>Listed Chemicals:</u> This violation involves exposure to the chemical Di-2-ethylhexyl phthalate (DEHP). On December 20, 2013, the State of California listed Di-2-ethylhexyl phthalate (DEHP).as chemicals known to cause cancer. This addition took place more than twelve (12) months before Vo served this notice.

<u>Violations:</u> The alleged Violators knowingly and intentionally have exposed and continue to knowingly and intentionally expose consumers within the State of California to Di-2-ethylhexyl phthalate (DEHP) without providing clear and reasonable warning of this exposure. In particular, the product does not warn that it contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer.

Route of Exposure: The exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the purchase, acquisition, handling and recommended use of the product. Consequently, the primary route of exposure to these chemicals is through dermal exposure. Dermal exposure through direct contact with the user's hands is possible during application, removal, and manipulation of the jump rope. When the user grips and uses the jump rope for its intended purpose, dermal exposure is possible through exposed areas of the user's skin that are in contact with the jump rope. If the jump rope is stored or transported in a carrier, DEHP leaches from the product may contaminate other articles contained within these closed spaces are subsequently handled, worn, mouthed, or consumed. Finally, while mouthing of the product does not seem likely, some amount of exposure through ingestion can occur by handling the product with subsequent touching of the user's hand to mouth.

<u>Duration of the Violations:</u> Each of these ongoing violations has occurred on every day since at least October 9, 2019; as well as every day since the product was introduced to the California marketplace and following the one-year anniversary date of the listing at issue; and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users or until this known toxic chemical is removed from the product.

The specifically identified example of the type of product that is subject to this Notice is for the recipient's benefit to assist in its investigation of, among other things, the magnitude of potential exposures to the listed chemical from other items within the product category. It is important to note that this example is not meant to be an exhaustive or comprehensive identification of each specific offending product of the type listed under "Product." Further, it is this citizen's position that the alleged Violator is obligated to continue to conduct in good faith an investigation into other specific products within the type or category described above that may have been manufactured, distributed, sold, shipped, stored (or otherwise within the notice recipient's custody or control) during the relevant period so as to ensure that the requisite toxic warnings were and are provided to California citizens prior to purchase.

Pursuant to Title 11, C.C.R. §3100, a certificate of merit is attached hereto. Pursuant to Title 27, C.C.R. §25903(b), a copy of "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Action of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary" is also enclosed.

Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and desire to have these ongoing violations of California law quickly rectified, Ngoc Bich Vo is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter without engaging in costly and protracted litigation.

Ngoc Bich Vo has retained me as legal counsel in connection with this matter. Please direct all communications regarding this Notice of Violations to my attention at the law office address and telephone number indicated on the letterhead.

Respectfully,

Walter Emil Teague III, Esq.

The Tu Firm, APLC

Attachments

Certificate of Merit Certificate of Service

The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Action of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

I, Walter Emil Teague III, hereby declare:

- (1) This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notice have violated Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
- (2) I am the attorney for the noticing party, Ngoc Bich Vo..
- (3) I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies or other data regarding the alleged exposure to the listed chemicals that are the subject of the action.
- (4) Based on the information obtained through these consultations, and on all other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiffs' case can be established and the information did not prove that the alleged violator(s) will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.
- (5) The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including information identified in Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: 1/5/2019

Walter Emil Teague III Attorney for Ngoc Bich Vo

PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE

I am employed in the County of Orange, State of California, I am over the age of 18 and not the party to the within action; my business address is 16185 Brookhurst Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708, Tel: 714-636-6030.

On November 5, 2019 I served the foregoing documents described as:

NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CERTIFICATE OF MERIT, CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE, and a copy of THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACTION OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY

X	By placing a true copy thereof enclosed in	a sealed envelope addressed as follows:
	Amazon.com Inc. Legal Department c/o Corporation Service Company 251 Little Falls Dr. Wilmington, DE 19808	FMS International LLC 601 N. Mechanic Street, Ste. 404 Franklin, VA 23851
	AND each of the individuals on the service	list attached hereto.
	By Facsimile:	
	(By Mail) I caused such envelope with post mail at Fountain Valley, California.	age thereon fully prepaid to be placed in the United
	(By Personal Service) I personally served su	ach documents by hand.
United	(By Certified Mail) I caused such envelope States mail at Fountain Valley, CA to:	with postage thereon fully prepaid to be placed in the
mailing first cla am awa postage	g. Under that practice mail would be deposited ass postage thereof fully prepaid at Fountain are that on motion of the party served service	practice of collection and processing correspondence for ed with the U.S. Postal Service on that same day with Valley, California in the ordinary course of business. I is presumed valid if postal meter cancellation date of f deposit for mailing in affidavit. I declare under penalty that the above is true and correct.
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Executed on November 5, 2019 at Fountain Valley, California.

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OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC_ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY

The following summary has been prepared by the California Office of E nvironmental Health Hazard Assessment (OE H HA), the lead agency for the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (commonly known as "Proposition 65"). A copy of this summary must be included as an attachment to any notice of violation served upon an alleged violator of the Act. The summary provides basic information about the provisions of the law, and is intended to serve only as a convenient source of general information. It is not intended to provide authoritative guidance on the meaning or application of the law. Please refer to the statute and OE H HA's implementing regulations (see citations below) for further information, FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BASIS FOR THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE RELATED TO YOUR BUSINESS, CONTACT THE PERSON IDENTIFIED ON THE NOTICE.

The text of Proposition 65 (Health and Safety Code Sections 25249.5 through 25249.13) is available online at: http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65Iaw/2003.html. Regulations that provide more specific guidance on compliance, and that specify procedures to be followed by the State in carrying out certain aspects of the law, are found in http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65Regs.html. 27001. These implementing regulations are available online at: http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65Regs.html.

WHAT DOES PROPOSITION 65 REQUIRE?

The "Proposition 65 List." Under Proposition 65, the lead agency (OE HHA) publishes a list of chemicals that are known to the State of California to cause according and/or reproductive toxicity. Chemicals are placed on the Proposition 65 list if they are known to cause cancer and/or birth defects or other reproductive harm, such as damage to female or male reproductive systems or to the developing fetus. This list must be updated at least once a year; The current Proposition 65 list of chemicals is available on the OE HHA website at: http://www-oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65 list/Newlist.html. Only those chemicals that are on the list are regulated under Proposition 65. B usinesses that produce, use, release or otherwise engage in activities involving listed chemicals must comply with the following:

Clear and reasonable warnings. A business is required to warn a person before "knowingly and intentionally" exposing that person to a listed chemical unless an exemption applies. The warning given must be "clear and reasonable." This means that the warning must: (1) clearly say that the chemical involved is known to cause cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm; and (2) be given in such a way that it will effectively reach the person before he or she is exposed to that chemical. Some exposures are exempt from the warning requirement under certain circumstances discussed below. Prohibition from discharges into drinking water. A business must not knowingly discharge or release a listed chemical into water or onto land where it passes or probably will pass into a source of drinking water. Some discharges are exempt from this requirement under certain circumstances discussed below.

DOES PROPOSITION 65 PROVIDE ANY EXEMPTIONS?

y es. You should consult the current version of the statute and regulations (http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html) to determine all applicable exemptions, the most common of which are the following:

Grace Periods. Proposition 65 warning requirements do not apply until 12 months after the chemical has been listed. The Proposition 65 discharge prohibition does not apply to a discharge or release of a chemical that takes place less than 20 months after the listing of the chemical. Governmental agpnrips and pilhlir water utilities. All agencies of the federal, state or local government. as well as entities operating public water systems, are exempt.

Businesses with nine or fewer employees. Neither the warning requirement nor the discharge prohibition applies to a business that employes a total of nine or fewer employees. This includes all employees, not just those present in California.

Exposures that pose no significant risk of cancer. For chemicals that are listed under Proposition 65 as known to the State to cause cancer, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure occurs at a level that poses "no significant risk." This means that the exposure is calculated to result in not more than one excess case of cancer in 100,000 individuals exposed over a 70-year lifetime. The Proposition 65 regulations identify specific "No Significant Risk Levels" (NSR Ls) for many listed carcinogens. Exposures below these levels are exempt from the warning requirement. See OE HHA's website at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSR Ls.html for a list of NSR Ls, and Section 25701 et seq. of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures that will produce no observable reproductive effect at 1,000 times the level in question. For chemicals known to the State to cause reproductive toxicity, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure will produce no observable effect, even at 1,000 times the level in question. In other words, the level of exposure must be below the "no observable effect level" divided by 1,000. This number is known as the Maximum Allowable Dose L evel (MA D L). See OE H H A's website at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html for a list of MADLs, and Section 25801 et seq. of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures to Naturally Occurring Chemicals in F ood, Certain exposures to chemicals that naturally occur in foods (i.e., that do not result from any known human activity, including activity by someone other than the person causing the exposure) are exempt from the warning requirements of the law. If the chemical is a contaminant' it must be reduced to the lowest level feasible. Regulations explaining this exemption can be found in Section 25501. Discharges that do not result in a "significant amount" of the listed chemical entering any source of drinking water. The prohibition from discharges into drinking water does not apply if the discharger is able to demonstrate that a "significant amount" of the listed chemical has not, does not, or will not pass into or probably pass into a source of drinking water, and that the discharge complies with all other applicable laws, regulations, permits, requirements, or orders. A "significant amount" means any detectable amount, except an amount that would meet the "no significant risk" level for chemicals that cause cancer or that is 1,000 times below the "no observable effect" level for chemicals that cause reproductive toxicity, if an individual were exposed to that amount in drinking water.

HOW IS PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCED?

Enforcement is carried out through civil lawsuits. These lawsuits may be brought by the Attorney General, any district attorney, or certain city attorneys. Lawsuits may also be brought by private parties acting in the public interest, but only after providing notice of the alleged violation to the Attorney General, the appropriate district attorney and city attorney, and the business accused of the violation. The notice must provide adequate information to allow the recipient to assess the nature of the alleged violation. The notice must comply with the information and procedural requirements specified in Section 25903 of Title 27 and sections 3100-3103 of Title 11. A private party may not pursue an independent enforcement action under Proposition 65 if

one of the governmental officials noted above initiates an enforcement action within sixty days of the notice.

A business found to be in violation of Proposition 65 is subject to civil penalties of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation. In addition, the business may be ordered by a court to stop committing the violation.

A private party may not file an enforcement action based on certain exposures if the alleged violator meets specific conditions. For the following types of e'4Kisures, the Act provides an opportunity for the business to correct the alleged violation:

in exposure to alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's promises to the extent onsite consumption is permitted by law; Ain exposure to a Proposition 65 listed chemical in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises that is primarlly intended for immediate consumption on- or off- premises. This only applies if the chemical was not intentionally added to the food, and was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination;

n exposure to environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises;

n exposure to listed chemicals in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking non-commercial vehicles.

If a private party alleges that a violation occurred based on one of the exposures described above, the private party must first provide the alleged violator a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form

A private party may not file an action against the alleged violator for these exposures, or recover in a settlement any payment in lieu of penalties any reimbursement for costs and attorney's fees, if the notice was served on or after October 5, 2013, and the alleged violator has done all of the following within 14 days of being served nOticel-

corrected the alleged violation;

Lgreed to pay a civil penalty of 5500 (subject to change as noted below) to the private party within 30 days; and

Lgotified the private party serving the notice in writing that the violation has been corrected.

The written notification to the private-party must include a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form completed by the alleged violator as directed in the notice. On April 1, 2019, and every five years thereafter, the dollar amount of the civil penalty will be adjusted by the Judicial Council based on the change in the annual California Consumer Price Index. The Judicial Council will publish the dollar amount of the adjusted civil penalty at each five-year interval, together with the date of the next scheduled adjustment.

An alleged violator may satisfy these conditions only one time for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility or on the same premises. The satisfaction of these conditions does not prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney of a city of greater than 750,000 population, or any full-time city prosecutor with the consent of the district attorney, from filing an enforcement action against an alleged violator. The amount of any civil penalty for a violation shall be reduced to reflect any payment made by the alleged violator for the same alleged violation to a private-party. A copy of the notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form is included with this notice and can be downloaded from OE H HA's

website at: http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/p651aw72003.html. The notice is reproduced here:

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D ate:

Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party:

A ddress:

Phone number:

SPECIAL COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE

PROOF OF COMPLIANCE

You are receiving this form because the Noticing Party listed above has alleged that you are violating California Health and Safety C ode 425249.6 (Prop 65).

The Noticing Party may not bring any legal proceedings against you for the alleged violation checked below if:

- 1. You have actually taken the corrective steps that you have certified in this form
- 2. The Noticing Party has received this form at the address shown above, accurately completed by you, postmarked within 14 days of your receiving
- 3. The Noticing Party receives the required \$500 penalty payment from you at the address shown above postmarked within 30 days of your receiving this notice.
- 4. This is the first time you have submitted a Proof of Compliance for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility on the same premises.

PART 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOTICING PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR THE NOTICING PARTY

The alleged violation is for an exposure to: (check one)

Alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent on-site consumption is permitted by law.

A chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises for immediate consumption on or off premises to the extent: (1) the chemical was not intentionally added; and (2) the chemical was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination.

Environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises.

Chemicals known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking noncommercial vehicles.

- 1. You have no potential liability under California Health and Safety C ode 425249.6 if your business has nine (9) or fewer employees_
- 2. Using this form will NOT prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney, or a prosecutor in whose jurisdiction the violation is alleged to have occurred from filing an action over the same alleged violations, and that in any such action, the amount of civil penalty shall be reduced to reflect any payment made at this time.

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Date:

Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party:

Address:

Phone number:

PART 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ALLEGED VIOLATOR OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Certification of Compliance

A ccurate completion of this form will demonstrate that you are now in compliance with California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 for the alleged violation listed above. You must complete and submit the form below to the Noticing Party at the address shown above, postmarked within 14 days of you receiving

this notice.

I hereby agree to pay, within 30 days of completion of this notice, a civil penalty of \$500 to the Noticing Party only and certify that I have complied with <u>H ealth and Safety Code §25249.6</u> by (check only one of the following):

LA Posting a warning or warnings about the alleged exposure that complies with the law, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accurately showing its placement on my premises;

- 11 Posting the warning or warnings demanded in writing by the Noticing Party, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accurately its placement on my premises; OR
- 11 Eliminating the alleged exposure, and attaching a statement accurately describing how the alleged exposure has been eliminated.

Certification

My statements on this form, and on any attachments to it, are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith. I have carefully read the instructions to complete this form. I understand that if I make a false statement on this form, I may be subject to additional penalties under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65).

Signature of alleged violator or authorized representative Date

Name and title of signatory

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAW OR REGULATIONS...

Contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900 or via e-mail at P65Public.Comments@oehha.ca.gov.

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Walter Teague The Tu Firm, APLC 16185 Brookhurst Street Fountain Valley, CA 92708

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS Date Submitted: 10/18/19 19069943-3

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October 25, 2019

California Prop 65

Maximum Allowable Limits: Phthalates

DBP

0.10% (1,000 ppm)

BBP

0.10% (1,000 ppm)

DEHP

0.10% (1,000 ppm)

Sample Type:

Style number:

Sample Date:

Vendor:

Item Description:

10/16/19 ****** Prop 65

P65-00006

Survival and Cross Jump Rope

Analyzed by: JM on 10/23/19

. #	Components	DBP	BBP	DEHP	DINP	DIDP	DnHP	Unit
#	Companiente		< 0.010	18.900	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	%/wt
1	Black wire cover	< 0.010	< 0.010	0.763	≤ 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	
3	Black rubber wire tip Black plastic handle	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	0.089	%/wt



	0,01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01 %/wt
Method Reporting Limit						

Kein E. Ohne

Kevin E. Donahue Laboratory Director Hay Mad

Jeff Mascoli

Laboratory Manager

Samples were analyzed in accordance with CPSC-CH-C1001-09.3 Standard Operating Procedures for Determination of Phthalates April 1, 2010.

Samples submitted by customer, results relate only to items tested.

Test report shall not be reproduced except in full, without written approval of the laboratory.

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